

# City of Concord Weekly City Manager Newsletter

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#### DOWNTOWN COMPLETE STREETS PROJECT

Due to the upcoming holiday weekend, the next two work weeks will be abbreviated. Crews will be off on Friday, May 22nd, and on Monday, May 25th, in observance of the Memorial Day weekend.

Next week's work will begin with electrical and irrigation sleeve work on North Main Street, from Northway Bank to Pleasant Street. Crews will also be fine grading walks in this area and in front of the Eagle Hotel. Planter foundations will be installed between Centre Street and School Street. On Tuesday and Wednesday, sidewalks will be poured between Northway Bank and Pleasant Street, and in front of the Eagle Hotel; brick foundations will be installed in what will be the furniture zone and tree grates will be installed. On Thursday, crews will pave what will eventually be the brick zone in the Park Street area. Be sure to come downtown on Thursday evening for the 13th Annual Rock 'n Race!



#### **ROUTE 3 NORTH CORRIDOR IMPROVEMENTS**

**Before** 

The contract for the final phase of the reconstruction of the Route 3 corridor, from south of Borough Road to Stark Street, has been awarded to S.U.R. Construction West, Inc., of Winchester, NH. The contractor will be mobilizing the week of May 25th, with construction commencing on June 1st.

#### **NEW EVERETT ARENA SIGN**

The Douglas N. Everett Arena has a new sign. The new sign was a much needed upgrade from the previous small wooden sign. The new sign is a more robust structure that now features the name of the arena and other associated hockey programs. It has more space to advertise arena events and is lit up at night.

#### 2015 WELLNESS HERO



The Human Resources Department's Robin Wirbal has been named the Capital Area Wellness Coalition's 2015 Wellness Hero. Robin was nominated by Dr. Laura Jones for her work in bringing a First Line Weight Loss Program to City employees through the Wellness Program. Dr. Jones was impressed with Robin's passion for employees' wellbeing and felt that Robin's contributions to health would be inspiring to others. Robin is amongst an impressive list of nominees to include Riverbend Community Mental Health, the NH Trial Courts Center, and the Henniker Lions Club. Robin was honored at a breakfast this past Wednesday. Good work Robin!

## PARKS & RECREATION SUMMER BROCHURE

The Parks & Recreation Department's Summer Brochure is now available and registration for all summer camps and programs is underway. All programs have limited space so we encourage everyone to register as soon as possible. Several swim lesson sessions are already full. Visit the Parks & Recreation website for more information.



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Choosing a Roommate Monday, 5/18 @ 7:00 PM

Annamarie Pluhar discusses why and how to find a house-mate. She will cover the concrete details (the how-to-do-a-background-check kind of things) and also the philosophical and psychological reasons to have a housemate for anyone at any age.

#### **D&D Game Night** Tuesday, 5/19 @, 5:00 PM

Join us for our ongoing 5th edition D&D campaigns. Meets once a month. (Pregenerated characters will be available for those that were unable to join us for the character-building event.) Open to teens and adults.

#### Movie: Theory of Everything Wednesday, 5/20 @ 2:00 PM

Renowned astrophysicist Stephen Hawking falls deeply in love with fellow Cambridge student Jane Wilde. Once a healthy, active young man, Hawking receives an earthshattering diagnosis at the age of 21. With Jane fighting tirelessly by his side, Stephen embarks on his most ambitious scientific work, studying the very thing he now has precious little of - time. Together, they defy impossible odds, breaking new ground in medicine and science, and achieving more than they could ever have dreamed. Rated PG-13.

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#### LIBERTY UTILITIES WORK

During the week of May 18-23, Liberty Utilities will be working on Rumford Street, near the intersection of Washington Street, and continuing south to the intersection of Rumford and School Streets. There may be delays, one-lane traffic, and encumbrances of parking spaces. Work will generally take place from 7:00 AM to 5:00 PM, Monday through Friday; and 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM on Saturday.

#### PUBLIC WORKS WEEK

May 17-23 is National Public Works Week (NPWW). The American Public Works Association has sponsored NPWW since 1960 to celebrate the importance of public works services. For the City of Concord, these services are performed by the General Services Department. Concord General Services provides street maintenance, water treatment and distribution, wastewater treatment, trash/recycling services, public properties maintenance, and equipment services for City vehicles. Public works services affect our lives each and every day. We have grown accustomed to having clean, accessible water every time we turn on the faucet; we expect to have solid waste services dis-



pose of our trash and recycling items; and we rely on properly maintained streets for safe transportation. Maintaining water mains, cleaning up storm debris, and plowing snow during the winter are all a result of dedicated public works employees. Follow Concord General Services on Twitter at <a href="www.twitter.com/ConcordNHGS">www.twitter.com/ConcordNHGS</a> to join their #NPWW Twitter Party on Friday, May 22nd, from 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM, and to stay informed about public works services.

#### FOOD PANTRY DONATIONS

Once again, the United Way, the Capital Region Food Program, and the US Postal Carriers collaborated to provide food to many of the local pantries, including the Concord Human Services pantry. We want to thank the participants; the many volunteers that make this work; New Hampshire Distributors, who generously allowed the use of their facility for this collaboration; and the many residents who so generously donated food. This annual event helps the local pantries provide food for those in need in the community and it is quite an amazing process to witness. Concord Human Services received 10 cases of food. Many thanks also to Bob Whatmough for helping to sort, pack, carry and deliver the food to Concord Human Services.

#### FOOTBALL FOR YOU

Football for YOU, a free, one-day, non-contact football clinic coached by New England Patriots alumni and local high school coaches will be held on Saturday, May 16th, from 9:30 AM - 12:30 PM at Memorial Field for children ages 9-14. Walk-in registrations are welcome from 8:30 AM - 9:30 AM on Saturday.

